

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Sixth day of November, 2012

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO. _____
RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING
DEPUTY COUNTY FIRE CHIEF RICK SWAN
ON HIS RETIREMENT**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read

WHEREAS, for over eighty years, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has served as the San Luis Obispo County Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Rick Swan has successfully performed his duties as a firefighter for CAL FIRE since 1980; and

WHEREAS, Chief Swan began his career 32 years ago as a Firefighter at the Nipomo Fire Station in San Luis Obispo County, and now serves as the Deputy Fire Chief for San Luis Obispo County; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Department he has worked in several different areas, including San Luis Obispo, Fresno, Nevada and San Mateo Counties; and

WHEREAS, Chief Swan worked his way up to the rank of Deputy Chief through many assignments including fire stations, Washington Ridge and Los Robles Conservation Camps, Paso Robles Air Attack Base, San Luis Obispo County Fire Marshal, Division Chief and Deputy Chief of Operations; and

WHEREAS, Rick Swan is an integral part of the CDF Firefighters, having served as the General Vice President of the 7,000 member labor union from 2006 to 2010 and currently serving as Supervisory Representative; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure Chief Swan has been an outstanding leader, advocating for the best interests of the residents of the County, leading in a fair and effective manner, and ensuring that CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Fire Department effectively protects lives, property and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, because of Chief Swan's willingness to take on positions of leadership and to use his personal communication skills to better the Fire Service, he served as Chair of the National Fire Protection Association Technical Committee on Protective Clothing and Equipment for Wildland Fire Fighting, as a Member of the CAL FIRE Personal Protective Equipment Committee, as a Member of the Fire Fighter

Consolidation Committee, and as a Member of the Changing Face of CDF Committee;
and

WHEREAS, as a leader in both the labor union and CAL FIRE, Chief Swan has been able to successfully bridge labor/management relations for the betterment of the Department and to ensure the most effective protection for the citizens and safety of employees; and

WHEREAS, Chief Swan has remained self-effacing, always preferring to let his employees receive attention rather than himself, and always keeping the best interests of firefighters at the forefront; and

WHEREAS, Chief Swan was never too tired or too busy to personally respond to emergencies; and, like all our firefighters, has relied on support from his family members throughout his career; and, that very support has allowed him to perform his duties with distinction; and, therefore his wife Joan and daughters Cassidy and McKinley share in this honor; and

WHEREAS, Chief Swan's long tenure with CAL FIRE has been rich and varied, and of great benefit to the residents of this State and of this County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby congratulate CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Fire Deputy Chief Rick Swan on the occasion of his retirement, and honor him for his sustained superior accomplishments and his dedication to the State of California and the County of San Luis Obispo.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: _____
Deputy Clerk